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TO

Amend the Law regulating the Shooting and Sale of Game in Ireland.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Parliament of Ireland in the Twenty-seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty George the Third, Chapter Thirty-five, entitled "An Act for the Preservation of the Game," it is enacted, that from and after the First Day of June One thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven every Person who shall wilfully take, kill, or destroy, or shall sell or expose to Sale, or who shall buy or cause to be bought, amongst other things, any Pheasant between the Tenth Day of January and the First Day of September in any Year, shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds for every such Pheasant: And whereas by an Act passed in the Parliament of Ireland in the Thirty-seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty George the Third, Chapter Twenty-one, entitled "An Act to amend the Game Laws," it is enacted, that from and after the passing of such Act no Person or Persons shall on any Pretence whatsoever take, kill, destroy, carry, sell, buy, or have in his or their Possession or Use any Moor Game, Heath Game, or Grouse between the Tenth Day of December and Twentieth Day of August in any Year, or any Partridge, Landrail, or Quail between the Tenth Day of January and Twentieth Day of September: And whereas these Days having been

Preamble.

27 G. 3. c. 35. (I.)

37 G. 3. c. 21. (I.)

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been found inconvenient and conducive to Poaching, it is expedient to amend the said several Acts in relation thereto: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows: 5

Repeal of Part of Act 27 G. 3.

1. From and after the *passing of this Act*, so much of the said recited Act of the Twenty-seventh George the Third as relates to the taking, killing, destroying, selling, or exposing to Sale any Pheasant between the Tenth Day of January and the First Day of September in any Year shall be and the same is declared to be hereby repealed. 10

and Part of said Act 37 G. 3.

2. From and after the *passing of this Act*, so much of the said recited Act of the Thirty-seventh George the Third, Chapter Twenty-one, as relates to taking, killing, destroying, selling, or exposing to Sale any Moor Game, Heath Game, or Grouse between the Tenth Day of December and Twentieth Day of August in any Year, or any Partridge, Landrail, or Quail between the Tenth Day of January and Twentieth Day of September in any Year, shall be and the same is declared to be hereby repealed. 15 20

Fixing Periods for shooting Pheasants, Partridges, Landrails, &c in Ireland.

3. From and after the *passing of this Act*, no Person or Persons shall on any Pretence whatsoever take, kill, or destroy any Pheasant between the *First Day of February* and the *First Day of October* in any Year, or any Partridge, Landrail, or Quail between the *First Day of February* and the *First Day of September* in any Year, or any Moor Game, Heath Game, or Grouse between the *Tenth Day of December* and the *Twelfth Day of August* in any Year; and if any Person or Persons shall take, kill, or destroy any Pheasant between the *First Day of February* and the *First Day of October* in any Year, or any Partridge, Landrail, or Quail between the *First Day of February* and the *First Day of September* in any Year, or any Moor Game, Heath Game, or Grouse between the *Tenth Day of December* and the *Twelfth Day of August* in any Year, every such Person or Persons shall be liable to the *same Penalty* as by the said Acts is laid upon every Person or Persons transgressing the same, such Penalty to be imposed, inflicted, received, and applied in like Manner, and under the same Rules and Regulations, as in and by the said Acts is directed with respect to the Application of the Forfeitures to be incurred for any Offence against the Game Laws. 25 30 35 40

Penalty in case of licensed

4. From and after the *passing of this Act*, if any Person licensed to deal in Game shall buy or sell, or knowingly have in his or her House,

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House, Shop, Stall, Possession, or Control, any Bird of Game after the Expiration of *Ten Days* (one inclusive and the other exclusive) from the respective Days in each Year on which it shall become unlawful to kill or take such Kinds of Game respectively as aforesaid; or if any Person, not being licensed to deal in Game, shall buy or sell any Bird of Game after the Expiration of *Ten Days* (one inclusive and the other exclusive) from the respective Days in each Year on which it shall become unlawful to kill or take such Birds of Game respectively as aforesaid, or shall knowingly have in his House, Possession, or Control any Bird of Game (except Birds of Game kept in a Mew or Feeding-place) after the Expiration of Forty Days (one inclusive and the other exclusive) from the respective Days in each Year on which it shall become unlawful to kill or take such Birds of Game respectively as aforesaid; every such Person shall, on Conviction of any such Offence before Two Justices of the Peace, forfeit and pay for every Head of Game so bought or sold, or found in his or her House, Shop, Possession, or Control, such Sum of Money, not exceeding *One Pound*, as to the convicting Justices shall seem meet, together with the Costs of the Conviction.

Dealers in Game and others having Birds of Game in their Possession within prohibited Times.

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Game (Ireland).

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